Entertainment Extra by Evelyn

Q. Will "Beauty & The Beast" consider going cable or independent first run syndication like some other shows that got bumped by the big three networks? Irate in Illinois!

A. Many letters have poured in over the demise of "B&B," and I agree that CBS did not give the show enough time to gain any ratings strength. Paul Witt, executive producer of the show, has stated that cable is an option, but the costs would be too much for new first run programs and nobody wants to put an inferior show on the air. However, the braintrust is considering a deal in which the final three episodes which CBS is not running may be available in the near future on home videos. I will keep you posted.

Q. Would you please give me some personal and professional background on my favorite actor David Canary who portrays Adam and Stuart on "All My Children?" D.F., Athens, Ga.

A. Besides portraying tyrant Adam and the loveable Stuart (for which he has garnered three Emmys) on "AMC," Canary is probably best known for the primetime role of Candy on "Bonanza." David also appeared on the primetime soap opera, "Peyton Place." On Broadway, his credits include a stint with Colleen Dewhurst in "Great Day in the Morning," and extend to such celebrated Broadway productions of "Man of La Mancha" and "The Beggar's Opera." Other daytime roles include Stephen Frame on "Another World" and Fairwind on "The Doctors."

Canary is married and attended the University of Cincinnati on a football scholarship. While attending college, Canary was a music major.

Q. Is Leona Helmsley really as bad with her employees as has been detailed in the media? F.L., Bangor, Maine

A. Let me put it to you this way. During one six-month period, she fired 50 employees, but not at her many hotels, just in her Greenwich, Connecticut home. Now that's nasty!

Q. Whatever happened to singer Oran "Juice" Jones? J.W., Jackson, Miss.

A. That romantic rap-crooning vocalist is back with a brand new album just released, titled "To Be Immortal," the LP is available from DBR/Columbia Records and is sure to be a hit. The first single release is called "Pipe Dreams."

Q. Please settle a bet. My friend and I disagree about where Richard Gere was born. She says it was somewhere in the Orient, and I say it was Los Angeles. Alice B., Melville, N.Y.

A. Gere was born in Syracuse, New York in 1949. He is a Buddhist and has close spiritual ties with the Orient through his religion.

Q. I saw "Driving Miss Daisy" and I think it was one of the best pictures I've ever seen. Can you tell me how old Jessica Tandy is and how long she's been married to Hume Cronyn who, I think, came from my birthplace, London, Ontario? And did she ever have a romance with Marlon Brando? Thanks. Denise B., Toronto

A. Ms. Tandy was born in London, England, on June 7, 1909 and married Hume Cronyn in 1942. (And, yes, Cronyn was born in London, Ontario, in Canada, his father was a noted political figure, Hume Blake Cronyn.) Ms. Tandy was married once before, to the late Jack Hawkins (1932-40), with whom she had one child. She and Cronyn had two.

The only "romance" with Brando was strictly professional. Ms. Tandy was the original Blanche Du Bois in "Streetcar Named Desire" (1948) in which Brando made his Broadway debut wearing his famous torn undershirt.

Q. Is there a plan to get ALF off the air because of some obscenity law or something? My children would be devastated. Besides, how can anyone call ALF obscene? Unless it's because he's not always wearing clothes. Millie S., Denver, Colo.

A. ALF is among several programs a certain evangelical minister says is polluting the viewers' minds. He claims ALF promotes bestiality.

Q. I think Sidney Poitier is one of the most talented actors ever to take on the stage and screen. What is he up to these days? M.W., Sanford, Fla.

A. Always busy, Mr. Poitier has just signed on to star in an ABC miniseries next year titled "Separate but Equal." The miniseries is about the landmark 1954 Supreme Court case of "Brown vs. Board of Education," on the decision of desegregating the nation's schools. Poitier will portray Thurgood Marshall, counsel for the NAACP.

Q. I love Madonna! When will her Dick Tracy movie with Warren Beatty come to the big screen and is she considering a concert tour? T.M., Pelham Bay, N.Y.

A. Madonna hits the concert tour scene this May for three months and in June her "Dick Tracy" project finally hits the big screen. In the meantime, Madonna is keeping busy by overlooking the decoration of her new pad in Manhattan's fashionable upper west side.

King Crossword

ACROSS
1. Portrayer of the Cowardly Lion
6. "Call Me ___"
10. Rosalind — Met opera star
12. Mrs. Ralph Kramden
13. Well-known soap opera
25. Hooray!
16. Tease
17. Understand
18. Tiny almond, e.g.
21. "Oliver" composer, — Bart
23. Smell
27. Eschew
28. Put away
29. "Peer —"
30. Jovial
31. Paging Mr. Wallach
33. Got you!
36. Skill
37. Pronoun
40. Set a wedding date
43. Oil source
44. Make ecstatic
45. Priscilla's beloved
46. Colored remarks

DOWN
1. Glance askance
2. Actor Alan
3. Gary Cooper film
4. Scottish explorer
5. Skin disease of dogs
6. Plastic name
7. Cutting
8. Longing
9. Dole out
11. Classified ad
14. Decline
19. Join
20. Complete
21. Loiter
22. Creeper
24. Movie-TV star
25. Table scrap
26. King (Sp.)
28. Be angry
30. Trumpeter of note
32. Heavy ship cargo
33. Celebes ox
34. Corridor
35. Surrounded by
38. Deiest
39. Watched
41. Symbol of womanhood
42. Ancient times

DOLLARS & SENSE

Changes On Interest Deductions

by Bryon Elson

Any interest that you incur while conducting business is almost always fully deductible as long as you carry out the business with intent to make a profit.

For example, if you operate a catering business for profit and borrow money to purchase a new state-of-the-art oven, the interest will probably be 100 percent deductible.

Unfortunately, investment interest is more difficult to define. Under tax law, investment interest is any interest paid on loans used to buy or carry property held for investment purposes.

In general, investment properties are those which generate interest, dividends, annuities, capital gains, rents, or royalties.

Generally, you can deduct home mortgage interest on your principal residence plus one secondary residence. To qualify, the interest must be secured as a loan secured by the residence.

However, the deduction for mortgage interest is not as simple as it appears. Under tax law, home mortgage interest must be classified as either acquisition indebtedness or home equity indebtedness.

According to the IRS, acquisition indebtedness is incurred in acquiring, constructing, or substantially improving a personal residence. If your debt satisfies these conditions, you can deduct interest on loans of up to $1 million.

On the other hand, home equity indebtedness is secured by a personal residence but used for purposes other than those associated with acquisition indebtedness. If your loan falls into this category, you can deduct interest of up to $100,000 in debt.

Next, there is a personal interest. This is interest paid on debt used to finance personal items such as a car or student loan. In 1989, only 20 percent of this interest is deductible and in 1990 the deduction slips to 10 percent, and in 1991 it disappears completely.

Since 1990 is the last year in which personal interest is even partially deductible, CPAs strongly urge you to pay off all consumer loans and credit cards as soon as possible.

How can the IRS tell whether interest on a particular debt is business, investment, mortgage, or personal? In the case of an audit, the IRS will make a judgment based on the evidence you supply.

In other words, if you plan to take a full deduction for interest expenses, be prepared to prove how you have used the funds in question. In particular, pay attention to your record keeping, carefully filing cancelled checks and miscellaneous loan records.

You may also want to deposit proceeds of different types of loans into separate bank or checking accounts so that you can clearly demonstrate which funds were used for what purposes.

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SENIOR SERVICE LINE

Longer Lives Less Money

by Matilda Charles

MONEY MATTERS — INDEED IT DOES!!! "Unfortunately, older people are living beyond their resources."

That apparently cold, heartless-sounding statement was made by a member of one of those immovable bureaucracies that are set up to deal with seniors on various levels. However, the official didn't mean to imply that it was unfortunate that people were outliving their income. What was unfortunate was that they sometimes hadn't kept up with their life spans, that in spite of the fact that most of these people thought they had provided for their retirement by saving, investing, or depending on a secured pension plan, their best made plans couldn't protect them against such things as inflation, the stock market collapse, and pension plans that were no longer in effect.

Up to a point, there really isn't very much that one can do to make ourselves immune against investments that go bad, or real estate markets that go soft, or inflation that eats into our resources. However, most people were sure that no matter what else they may lose, their pensions would be safe.

But, a recent report by the Chicago Tribune shows that pensions are also under attack by various forces including fraud.

In one case cited by the Tribune reporters, Michael Tackett and Christopher Drew in the December 7 issue of the paper, a dishonest broker and investment counselor helped steer money from a St. louis police and firefighters pension fund to a group of investment counselors who invested the sums through a specially chosen brokerage firm. However, the millions that were made were skimmed by the lawyers, counselors, and brokers long before they could get into the pension program accounts. The scam went on for three years and was broken only by an Internal Revenue Service decision to check one of the principals involved.

If you depend on a private pension program, you might suggest having the controller of the company for which you work or had worked, or the union treasurer if it's a union fund, run an audit to make sure human termites aren't gnawing at its foundations.

SAVE YOUR MONEY. Books that cost anywhere from $9.95 and up, and which offer to give you tips on how to know if you're eligible for Social Security benefits you were unaware of, don't provide any more information than you can get absolutely free at your local Social Security office, or through your local Senior Citizen department or center.

FROM THE "YOU'RE NEVER TOO YOUNG TO LEARN" DEPARTMENT: A survey shows more seniors are taking up the piano — some for the first time! If you'd like to learn how to tickle those keys, send a stamped, self-addressed business size envelope for a free copy of "So You've Always Wanted to Play the Piano," National Piano Foundation, 4020 McEwen, Suite 105, Dallas, Texas, 75244-5019.

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Paint & Household

by Bob D'Angelo

Dear Bob: As a final step in restoring my 100-year-old Victorian home, I'm having my porch posts replaced at considerable expense. Yes, I found someone, after striking out with 20-odd times, and if he does the job for me that I'm expecting, I'll be glad to act as his agent. I've been to see him, seen his work, and he seems to know what he is doing.

Now, then, here's the question, or questions, for you! In rebuilding my porches, the wooden back steps, wooden cellar door, etc., I've always treated with linoleum, exposed, and/or ground-touching wood by soaking it for days in pentachlorophenol for a week or so (since I have no way to pressure-treat it).

My wood-turner, however, claims that two coats of oil-base primer, plus three coats of oil-base finish paint is even better as a preservative.

What does your experience tell you? Or how about Thompson's "New, improved" Water Seal? Supposedly, according to their ads, they're 50 percent better (more solid) than the regular they'd been marketing.

Since the posts will be ready in about 10 days or so, a relatively speedy definitive reply would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your help. Sincerely yours, Heinzletter von Schoenermark

A. Hold on a second while I get some aspirin. That's the toughest question I've ever received. I suppose to agree with your wood-treating approach by putting several coats of primer, or maybe even shellac, on the ends of the porch posts. The reason that is done is to prevent water from being drawn up into the posts by capillary action. I'm attempting to type this column by myself, so I won't even attempt to mention that other product. You could, however, not let the posts come into contact with the ground and rest them on cement bases, with metal post anchors (bits) to hold them in place. In my opinion, Thompson's water seal will not do the trick. If you read the label on that product, you will notice that the active ingredients make up less than one percent.

Incidentally, this same sealing approach should be used on all exterior doors.

Send your questions to Bob D'Angelo, P.O. Box 173, East Norwich, N.Y. 11732.

Home hints

WORK WEEK WARDROBE — Here is a tip for those busy working mothers. On the weekend, while I have the chance, I take 20 to 30 minutes and pick out the clothes I plan to wear the following work week. I iron what's necessary and then put them in the closet in matching sets.

In the morning, all I have to do is decide which outfit I want to wear. There's no last-minute ironing to do. This has saved me many morning hours of frustrated hassles over the years. Liz K., Carlsbad, N.M.

FILING DOCUMENTS — I keep many important documents in a wall unit and found it very difficult to organize these papers for easy access. It is no fun to have to unfold each document to look at the contents.

Now all I do is refold the documents so the letterhead is facing out and use a paper clip to secure the fold. When I need a document, I thumb through the file and the document is easy to recognize. Carolyn E. Ft. Bragg, N.C.

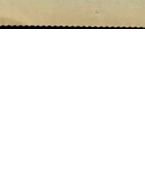
BABY BOOK — We recently had our first baby after waiting 12 years. When we started receiving gifts from friends and family, I immediately sat down and made out the thank-you cards the same day. It was so easy to keep on this way.

I also put the information in her baby book with a check by the name if I'd made out the thank-you. This proved to be a great way to double check if for some reason the thank-you was not done.

I kept all the cards and when I had more time, I made a scrapbook of them, writing a personal note about the person next to each card along with a description of the gift sent. Charlotte G., Boston, Mass.

OVERNIGHT KEEPER — I have always found my denture box an awkward item to put in my shaving kit when I go on overnight visits. I discovered that a small resealable plastic bag can serve the purpose quite well and fits easily in my shaving kit. I put my dentures in, add some water and a denture tablet and seal. It's watertight! Toss it after use and there's no clean-up. Jan T., Buros, La.

Share your special Home Hint with our readers. Send it to Diane Eckert, King Features Weekly Service, 235 East 45th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.



"A loaf of bread, a jug of wine and ESPN"

Coupon Corner

by Rose Lynn

Here are this week's offers:

SELSUN BLUE $1.25 REFUND OFFER, P.O. Box 7819, Mt. Prospect, Ill. 60056-7819 (receive $1.25). Buy one Selsun Blue Dandruff Shampoo except 1-fl-oz. size, Send in the UPC symbol along with your cash register tape with the purchase price circled. Store form required. Expires 12/31/91.

BAGGIES HI-COUNT REFUND, P.O. Box 1112, Ridgely, Md. 21681 (receive up to $4). Buy Baggies Bag on a Roll Trash Bags or Tall Waste Bags. Send in the POP and your cash register tape with purchase price circled. For $2, send one POP. For $4, send two POPs. Store form required. Expires 2/28/90.

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P.O. Box 400138, El Paso, Texas 88540-0138 (receive two 50-cent coupons on Peter Pan). Buy two jars of Peter Pan Peanut Butter, 18-oz. or larger. Send in the two UPC symbols along with your cash register tape with purchase price circled. Newspaper insert form required. Expires 2/28/90.

YOUR HOROSCOPE

by Charles King Cooper

WEEKLY TIP: Competition on the job coupled with domestic concerns keep you busy.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Try an innovative approach and you'll find solutions. Someone's sneaky tactics could upset you, but close allies are quite helpful. Listen to their advice. Stay clear of argument.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Pent-up emotion may surface in romantic relationships, or children could resent correction. New job opportunities are possible. Domestic problems may mar the week, but a chance encounter lifts your spirits.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Romance is likely, but watch expenditures. Resentment could make you somewhat tongue-tied. A talk with a family member could give you new perspective. Home life is favored. Others may take issue with your attitude about finances.

MOON CHILDREN (June 21 to July 22) Consult with friends on new work ideas. Pleasant news comes unexpectedly. Be less insistent on your own way. Despite some career problems, a new opportunity is in the offing. Use ingenuity.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Malicious words could backfire. Hold your tongue if tempted to speak unfairly. Evenings bring happier outlook. Distant news intrigues. Use care in financial dealings now. A friend may seem unjustly put out.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Keep new ideas under wraps. Let them develop further. Don't overact or a confrontation could develop on business interests. New friends prove stimulating. Enjoy mental rapport.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A work problem defies solution unless you obtain a more relaxed attitude. Take a break, relax, then try again. Curb angry reactions. A friend could be jealous. Doing something new together aids your cause in romance.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) This should be a fun week. Pay attention to your mate's needs as those for whom you care. Here is the center of happy activities. Do-it-yourself projects are fulfilling. Gadding about doing last minute chores has you happy.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Short visits have romantic overtones. You're busy on the phone this week. You're feeling generous and your optimism brings you admiration from others. You're in the mood to celebrate and should do so!

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) This is a quiet time for you, but not a dull one. Sharing private moments with dear ones at home makes this a great week. Career prospects look good. You may want to spend more time doing research on an important project.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Confidential meetings are favored now. Pleasant news or visitors from afar loom on the horizon! Business and joint affairs should prosper now. Take advantage of opportunity. Travel brings luck, both romantically and professionally.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Work is fulfilling. Out-of-town visitors may be part of your week. Romance and good times are highlighted, but watch evening tension. Avoid social calendar that may lead to important business introductions.

IF BORN THIS WEEK, you are both scientific and artistic. You have the ability to commercialize your creative gifts and can succeed in painting, sculpture, music, architecture and literature. Learn to do your own thing and you can make an original contribution in the field of your choice. Medicine and research may appeal to you. More interested in the problems of others than the typical member of your sign, you can also succeed in politics or humanitarian endeavors. Develop your self-confidence and overcome a tendency to vacillate.

Word Play

VITUPERATIVE

— uttering or given to censure.

From the above word, find at least 20 five-or-more-letter words within a three-minute time frame.

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

taper, tapir, pater, prate, revive, viper, private, pirate, patter, avert, treat, utter, rivet, ervipt, paver, repave, putter, pitter, retape

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Race and health

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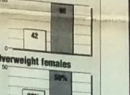
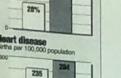
Whites ■ Blacks

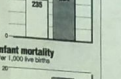
Teenage mother birth rate
Births per 1,000 teen-age women



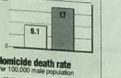
Overweight females



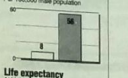
Heart disease
Births per 100,000 population



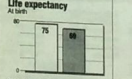
Infant mortality
Per 1,000 live births



Homicide death rate
Per 100,000 male population



Life expectancy
At birth



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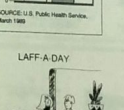

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THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

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Silverado, loaded, auto, A/C, cruise, 4 x 4 — $17,900

✔ 1988 CHEVY PICKUP
Auto, A/C, V-8, cruise, 2500 series, work truck — $10,500

✔ 1986 CHEVY SUBURBAN
silverado, 8 passenger, auto, A/C, cruise, V-8 — $12,000

✔ 1986 CHEVY S-10 PICKUP
5 speed, AM/FM cassette, PS, PB, V-6, fuel injected, 4 x 4 — $6,995

✔ 1986 ASTRO VAN
4 cyl, fuel injected, radio, manual shift, economical, work van — $5,695

✔ 1986 S-10 LONG BED 4 X 4
4 speed, A/C, AM/FM radio, tilt wheel, V-6, fuel injected — $7,495

✔ 1985 FORD PICKUP
4 speed, cap, PS, PB, 6 cyl, extra clean — $5,495

✔ 1985 FORD PICKUP 4 X 4
Auto, AM/FM stereo, PB, PS, V-8, low mileage, H.D. 3/4 ton — $8,995

✔ 1981 CHEVY PICKUP
Auto, PS, 6 cyl, economical — $2,795

✔ 1985 GMC PICKUP
V-8, Auto, AM/FM stereo, Silverado, H.D. 3/4 ton — $8,995

✔ 1980 CHEVY LUV
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